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LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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MAYORS MESSAGE

Over the past 18 months, we have seen turbulent seas with the economy. It's times like these that our city has set itself apart from the rest by making sound decisions. Many of those decisions have been based on:

- Will it give better service
- Save taxpayers money
- Is it a need or a want

In tough economic times, residents depend more on resources that we pool together. Getting together with neighbors, family, and friends helps us realize we're in it together and we can make a difference.

In order for us to define what the community's future will be, we will be seeking your input for sustainability. We can't prepare for the future if we can't "see and define" what we want that future to be. Remember in challenging times, stewardship may be more important. Tough choices need to be made when resources are tight, times are uncertain, and prospects for the future can be doubtful. Instead of looking to our city residents, we will be exploring outside revenue streams to keep your taxes low.

As we have seen, government closest to the people governs best in representing what people value most. This summer we will be hosting ice cream socials/meet and greet sessions to hear your ideas, and help make this community even better! It is always a pleasure to serve you.

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

SPRING CLEAN UP

**Spring is Finally Here!
Coming up this April & May:**

**Annual Spring Clean Up
Saturday, April 24th,
From 8am to 3pm.**

Bring your yard waste for free disposal to the STA Park-n-Ride lot at the corner of Mission Ave. & Meadowwood Lane in Liberty Lake. No appliances or hazardous waste please!

**National Arbor Day/Earth Day
Friday, April 30th, 4pm.**

The City of Liberty Lake invites you to join us in celebration of National Arbor Day/Earth Day with a tree planting and clean up at Rocky Hill Park at the corner of Mission and Winrock. The Mayor, Council, and City Staff will be on hand to help celebrate this event.

**Free Shredding Day
Wednesday, May 5th,
From 3pm to 6pm.**

Bring up to three (3) file boxes of paper for FREE, confidential, on-site shredding to City Hall at 22710 E. Country Vista Dr. in Liberty Lake.

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SEREN-DIP-A-TEE

Friends of The Library

A spring social event entitled "Seren-dip-a-tee" will be at 1:00pm on April 24th at the LDS Church, 23515 E. Boone, in Liberty Lake. This will be the 6th annual fundraiser that Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library has sponsored. The proceeds from the fundraiser go toward materials, equipment and other needs for the Liberty Lake Library. In the recent past, friends has given the library funds for computers, furniture and other items to accommodate the new library as well as financial support for various programs sponsored by the library.

All participants are asked to bring their own "favorite cup" and talk about its history or its memory. If you don't have a favorite cup, you can bring one and create a memory!

Corporate sponsors are also needed. The business or individual would sponsor a table at three levels: \$300, \$200 or \$100. The sponsors will receive a certificate and name recognition for their sponsorship. Call Pennie at 928-6551 if your firm will sponsor this event for the Liberty Lake community.

The social event will feature keynote speaker, Phyllis Stephens, Inland Northwest Garden Expert. She will speak on "Container Gardening", just in time for hanging baskets, containers and other container gardening.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and available until April 20th. All tickets will be sold in advance. Call Pennie at 928-6551, email Giff at giffpm@gmail.com or call Valorie at 869-0813 for tickets.

JOBS & CAREER CENTER

By Pamela Mogen

Director of Library Services

Like much of the U.S., Spokane has experienced a sharp increase in joblessness. During this time, Americans are increasingly using public library services to find jobs and explore new careers, earn long-distance learning degrees, start and grow small businesses, and access e-government information. A recent study showed that libraries experienced a 7.5% increase in attendance and a 14% rise in use of library computers in just six months last year in Washington. It is certain that the crisis of unemployment and its attending issues are affecting our citizens, neighbors, and friends. Assisting our community in hard times is the right focus for the library's resources.

The library sought and received funding from the Renew Washington grant program to better enable us to respond to the needs of our area's residents in these challenging economic times. With these funds, our library has established a robust Job & Career Center with relevant resources in a variety of media types, databases, and computers to help our community members in the recovery process. Programs aimed at job seekers, new business ventures, computer skills, and career exploration are planned. This program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, demonstrates the critical role that libraries have in strengthening our community in tough economic times.

TRAILHEAD GOLF

COURSE SPRING UPDATE

By Mollie Thola

Golf Pro



Happy Spring!!!

Trailhead is rockin' & rollin' with lots of activity.

Junior Golf starts up on the 4 Saturdays in April, Saturdays in May and Saturdays in June, followed by Monday through Friday sessions July 5-9, July 19-23, August 2-6 and ending with August 16-20.

There are 3 different 5-week sessions of Adult Group Lessons on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Session 1 April 13 or April 15 Session 2 May 1 or May 3 and Session 3 July 13 or July 15. All Adult Group Lessons are \$90.00 per person for each 5 week session and classes are from 6:00-7:00pm on either day.

After the whole family gets lessons and are playing, don't forget about EVERY SUNDAY is FAMILY DAY after 3:00pm, where everybody plays for one low rate of \$6.82 per player per 9 holes of golf. So bring everybody out to play golf together before starting your busy work week!

SIGN UP FOR GOLF LESSONS ONLINE & PAY BY CREDIT CARD. Visit:

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/golf>

For further information, please call the Pro Shop at 928-3484.



STORY TIMES

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian



Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
18+ months

Thursdays
7:00pm
Pajama Story Time
Come in your PJ's!
All Ages



Fridays
10:15am
Baby Laptime
Ages 9 months—24 months

11:00am
Toddler/Preschool Stories & Songs
18 months and up

1:00pm
Stories and Crafts
3 years and up



LIBRARY UPDATES

By Tracy Rebstock

Librarian

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:

Help us celebrate National Library Week by participating in our 3rd annual Edible Book Contest on Saturday, April 17th, at 1:30pm. Individuals, teams, families, and children, are all invited to participate. Make something edible inspired by a book. Please register your creation by April 16th. Check our website under 'Programs & Activities' for more information.

FANCY NANCY TEA PARTY:

Saturday, May 8th, 2pm. This party is for ages 4yrs and up with crafts, food and fun! We have limited space so go to the library's webpage under CHILDREN'S LIBRARY to find out how to RSVP! If you don't make it, don't worry, we will hold another one this summer!

For more information on our programs and events, please visit the library's website at: www.libertylakewa.gov/library or come visit us at the library.



Come see us at the library!

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APRIL AT THE LIBRARY

By Tracy Rebstock

Librarian

GRAND OPENING FOR JOBS & CAREER CENTER:

The library will host a grand opening for the Jobs & Career Center on Monday, April 19th, at 7pm. For more information, call Pamela Mogen, Director of Library Services at 435-0777.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH:

April is National Poetry Month. If you are under the age of 18, feel free to take part in our Poetry Contest. All entries are due by April 30th and the top three will be published in the Liberty Lake Splash! Visit our programs and activities webpage for more info.

EARTH DAY CRAFTS:

On Thursday, April 22nd, we will have recycle crafts at the library from 4pm-6pm, stop by and learn how to transform some of your garbage!

WATCHING THINGS GROW:

We will have a Master Gardener here Saturday, April 17th, at 10:30am. Parents and kids who love to grow or want to learn to grow together are encouraged to attend. We will plant something and this will start a series of programs about growing things to eat at home. Sign up sheet will be at the Check Out desk April 1st.

CHESS AT THE LIBRARY:

Chess at the library will resume in the fall! Keep checking our website for times and dates!

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page: www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

Question to the Mayor:

"I read the article in the Splash which indicated that Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley are contemplating the purchase of the HUB. I've seen the detrimental financial impact the Kroc center has had on local athletic clubs. I am concerned about the competition that may arise if the HUB were to operate as a municipality."

Answer from the Mayor:

"I can understand the concern, but local athletic clubs offer different programs geared to individuals. This facility has regional benefits that could be substantial to the community."

Within our planning documents, we have identified facilities needed for our region, and one facility is a sports complex. The Sports Commission will be educating each of the council members in each jurisdiction whether it is feasible and needed enough to bring to a vote for the purchase of the existing HUB facility.

The HUB is a Regional Sports Center (formerly known as Sports USA) located off the freeway on the border of both cities. This building has the capabilities to hold large regional events & competitions. With 5 basketball courts, 10 volleyball courts, 3 dance studios, and several office spaces there is nothing like it within Spokane County. Recently, the National Judo competitions as well as the Pacific Northwest National Qualifier volleyball championships were held at the HUB, bringing the next Olympic Champions to our region. The teams and families generate a substantial amount of tourism dollars to our local hotels, local shopping and restaurants. Why is this important? The events....

held here will bring outside tax dollars to be spent locally, therefore keeping your tax dollars low. The Spokane Convention Center and the Spokane Arena are prime examples of generating events. The HUB is one economic tool to attract tourism dollars to our area. We will share as more information becomes available. I would be happy to meet with you regarding your concerns."

Question to the Mayor:

"I am trying to decide about joining the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. I am actually located in Fort Worth, Texas and my sister will be handling our rental and we need to become part of the community. I plan on spending more time there and would like to somehow be involved. I would appreciate any suggestions you could give me about becoming part of the community."

Answer from the Mayor:

"The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce (GSVCC) has established a presence in Liberty Lake within the Liberty Square Building. Partnering up with Greenstone and the City of Liberty Lake, more incubator spaces have been established for small businesses. The business resources available by the GSVCC will help your business grow and learn best business practices. There are approximately 350 businesses physically located within our city, with a total of 850 doing business in our community. It is the entrepreneurs within our state that are the backbone of innovation. We are here to help you be successful and bring needed resources to your business."

TAI CHI CLASSES

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator



A 6-week Tai Chi class is being offered beginning Monday April 19th at 6:00pm. Tai Chi is a slow, gentle exercise that can be performed at any age or fitness level. Classes will last about one hour every Monday evening through May 24th.

Join us for a FREE demo on Monday, April 19th, from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Wear comfortable clothes. You can also sign up in advance for the full 6-week class for only \$55 online or at City Hall. All classes will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall (22710 E. Country Vista Dr) and are taught by certified instructor Cindy Petet.

For additional information, contact Troy Mullenix at 755-6726 or visit the City's website: www.libertylakewa.gov.

CHILL SUMMER CAMP

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

CHILL is an exciting summer day camp hosted by the City of Liberty Lake. Campers enjoy numerous exciting activities ranging from arts & crafts, to sports, swimming, games, field trips and more! Come learn, grow, and have a fun-filled summer with us at CHILL camp! Camp runs June 21 thru Aug 27 2010 RATES:

Full Summer: \$850

Weekly: \$100

Daily: \$25

Register now at City Hall or online. As of the 1st of April, camp is already 1/2 full for 2010!



1ST AID/CPR CLASS

Learn to care for respiratory & cardiac emergencies for all ages, and first aid. Certification is valid for 2 years. Perfect for babysitters! Class runs from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday May 26th at the Police Department. Cost is **FREE**, but you must sign up prior to class online or at City Hall.



DANCE CLASSES

Ballroom, Romance & Swing! Monday classes run May 17th thru June 28th at CenterPlace. These new and exciting dance classes are jointly offered through Spokane Valley and the City of Liberty Lake Parks and Recreation Departments. Ages 16 & up! Only \$55/single or \$90/couple.



RIVER RAFTING TRIPS

See your own Spokane River as it winds through the Valley. This trip has spectacular scenery and is a great introduction to rafting for ages 4+. (9:30am-12:30pm) Saturday May 29th or Sunday May 30th Only \$40 / person



SCRAPBOOKING CROP

What a great way to spend time away from home catching up on scrapbook projects, make new friends who share your interest in scrapbooking, and learn new techniques. Bring a snack, socialize, and have fun! Friday, April 23rd, from 6PM til ? @ City Hall. FREE! Please RSVP Online.



SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS

Soccer Camp - 9:00 to 3:00pm \$130
Mini Hawk - 9:00 to 12:00pm \$110
Basketball - 9:00 to 12:00pm \$110
Tennis - 9:00 to 12:00pm \$110
Volleyball - 9:00 to 12:00pm \$110
Check our website or call City Hall for camp weeks and availability or SIGN UP ONLINE!



SPOKANE SHOCK TICKETS

SAT MAY 22ND VS UTAH BLAZE
Don't miss out on the biggest season ever for the Spokane Shock! We have 20 group tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Each ticket is only \$10! (savings of \$3 per ticket). Seats located in Sec 224 (A, B & C). BUY TICKETS ON OUR WEBSITE

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Regular City Meetings:

City Council
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
7:00pm—10:00pm

City Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
4:00pm—6:00pm

Community Organizations/Meetings:

Central Valley School Dist—Board Meeting
2nd & 4th Monday of every month
CVSD Main Office
19307 E. Cataldo Ave
6:30pm—7:30pm

Friends of Pavillion Park—Board Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
Greenstone Building, 2nd floor
1401 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 200
7:00pm—8:00pm

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake
Every Wednesday
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
6:45am—8:00am

Lions Club of Liberty Lake
Every Wednesday
Guardian Angel Homes
23102 E. Mission Ave
12:00pm—1:00pm

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club
Every Thursday
Denny Ashlock Building
22510 E. Mission Ave
12:00pm—1:00pm

SCOPE

1st Wednesday of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
6:30pm—8:00pm

Youth Commission
1st & 3rd Mondays of every month
City Hall Council Chambers
22710 E. Country Vista Dr
7:30pm—8:30pm

*All meetings listed are subject to change.

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